FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 1960 - HB 1972

April 24, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005791): Deletes all language of the original bill and requires that each school have at least one registered nurse attached to the school as the public school nurse after July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, each public school has a nurse assigned to it. Some of the smaller school systems may share nurses or they may contract with a nurse to provide services.
- The Department of Health determines the level of nursing which is required to perform the duties of a public school nurse. Currently, public schools are required to have a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) who is supervised by a registered nurse assigned as the school nurse.
- Should an RN supervising an LPN not be adequate to meet the attached requirement, then there will be an increase in expenditures to local governments for the increase in salary from an LPN to an RN.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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